

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

The Examiner has recently identified upon further review of the application for patent two distinct species of the claimed invention, specifically being identified herein as Species I and II.

Species I is construed to comprise the subject matter depicted in Figure 5, as added by amendment, and Figures 6-9, as originally filed, specifically being defined by apparatus claims 1-4, 7-15, and 21-22. Species I is specifically noted to comprise a folding frame structure with at least one pair of integral L-shaped tray supports for holding and supporting a tray.

Species II is construed to comprise the subject matter depicted in Figures 10-14, specifically being defined by apparatus claims 16-20. Species II is specifically noted to comprise a grate fitted with a pair of plate-connected L-shaped tray supports for holding and supporting a tray.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requiring Applicant in accord with 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect either Species I or II for prosecution on the merits.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects for further examination and consideration on the merits the subject matter depicted in Species I, as specifically defined herein. In light of Applicant's election, Applicant respectfully requests re-consideration of original claims 1-4 and 7-15 and newly added dependent claims 21 and 22, which are collectively directed to Species I as elected by Applicant.

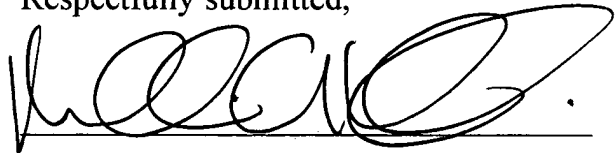
CONCLUSION

In light of the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects for evaluation and consideration on the merits the subject matter directed to Species I. Applicant respectfully requests re-consideration claims 1-4 and 7-15, as originally filed, and newly added claims 21 and 22 to determine whether such claims cooperatively read upon and coincide with the subject matter of this election. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant makes note and reminds the Examiner that if the foregoing response is inadequate in any respect insofar that it unduly limits the Examiner's ability to further consider the application for patent on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner, prior to further examination of the pending application, to telephone Applicant's attorney of record to allow ample time to make further changes if deemed necessary.

Dated this 20th day of January 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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